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REMARKS

This Interview Summary, Amendment and Request for Continued Examination is in response to the final Office Action dated March 17, 2009 (the Action).

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's assistance in a telephonic Examiner Interview on May 19, 2009, and the Examiner's indication in the Interview Summary dated May 21, 2009 that agreement was reached. This paper shall constitute an Interview Summary under MPEP § 713.04.

Claims 1-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Publication No. 2005/0165795 to Myka (Myka) in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,260,646 to Stefanick in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,832,242 to Keskar.

In response, Applicants have amended the claims above to expedite prosecution and without prejudice to filing a continuing application based on previously presented subject matter. Support for the amendments below can be found, for example, in the Specification in paragraphs [0017], [0020], [0075]-[0077] and [0083] of the specification.

In particular, Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication by phone and in the Interview Summary dated May 21, 2009 that the amendments submitted for discussion would likely overcome the above rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) in view of Myka, Stefanick and Keskar, subject to reconsideration and a new search. The Examiner further indicated that entry of the above amendments would require a Request for Continued Examination.

Accordingly, a Request for Continued Examination is filed concurrently herewith, and entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested.

It is noted that minor changes have been made to the amendments submitted for discussion; however, such changes are made for clarity and readability and are believed to not substantively change the agreement reached according to the Interview Summary.

Applicants submit that the recitations of the amended claims are not disclosed or rendered obvious by Myka, Stefanick and/or Keskar. Accordingly, Applicants submit that Claims 1-12 are patentable over the cited art and request that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) be withdrawn.

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Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and the same is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any matters outstanding of resolution, he is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at 919-854-1400 for expeditious handling.

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